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1. AGENDA ITEM 26.1, COORDINATION WITH UN SYSTEM. DOCUMENTS 59/26, ADDENDA 1 AND 2, AND INFORMATION DOCUMENT NO. 3 WERE BASIS OF DISCUSSION. SECRETARIAT REPORTED THAT RECENT ECOSOC MEETING TOOK VERY POSITIVE ATTITUDE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION WHA29.48.

2. AGENDA ITEM 26.2, UNDP-SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES AND THOSE FINANCED FROM EXTRA-BUDGETARY FUNDS (DOC.EB59/27). THERE HAS BEEN GROWING COLLABORATION WITH UNDP (PARTICULARLY ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN LDCE, MEETING IN ARGENTINA, MARCH 27-APRIL 7, 1978) AND WITH UNICEF (EXPANDED PROGRAM OF IMMUNIZATION)) WITH UNEP (ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION) AND WITH AFRICAN-ASIAN-ARAB AND ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANKS.

3. DG MAHLER OF OPINION THAT WHO INPUT TO UNDP HEADQUARTERS AND THROUGH HEADQUARTERS TO RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES RESULTING IN RE-ASSESSMENT OF IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH IN DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAMS.

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4. DG PREDICTS ACCELERATION OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN 1978 BASED ON UNDP ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR EMPHASIS ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION WITH LDCE. EB PASSED RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE THIS IN AGENDA OF 60TH EB, WITH APPROPRIATE REPORT.

5. AGENDA ITEM 26.3. ASSISTANCE TO NEWLY INDEPENDENT AND EMERGING STATES OF AFRICA. RD QUENUM REPORTED THAT UNICEF AND

UNDP WERE ASSISTING IN PROVIDING HELP TO "LIBERATION MOVEMENTS" IN SUPPORT OF ACTIVITIES UNDER WHO DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, WHICH EMPHASIZED AREAS: EMERGENCY, SHORT-TERM ACTIVITIES IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT AND PRIMARY HEALTH CARE. DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED, THANKING UNDP AND UNICEF AND REQUESTING DG MAHLER TO CONTINUE EFFORTS AND REPORT TO 30TH WHA.

6. AGENDA ITEM 26.4. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO LAOS, CAMBODIA, VIETNAM. REGIONAL DIRECTOR DY REPORTED THAT ALL EFFORTS TO CONTACT CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT THROUGH PNOMH PEN AND MISSIONS IN NEW YORK, PEKING, PARIS, LONDON AND VIENTIANE HAS ELICITED NO RESPONSE. SOME FELLOWSHIPS REQUESTED BY PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN GRANTED. SOME FELLOWS HAVE RETURNED TO CAMBODIA; OTHERS "DID NOT HAVE FACILITIES TO RETURN"; SOME ARE CONTINUING STUDIES AND RECEIVING WHO STIPEND.

7. IN LAOS IT WAS REPORTED SOME PROGRESS BEING MADE IN HEALTH PLANNING. IN VIETNAM, EXTENSIVE PROGRAM IN COOPERATING (DESCRIBED IN EB59/29, PAGES 2-6). RD DY INFORMED EB THAT NETHERLANDS WAS PROVIDING \$3,000,000 TO COMPLETE PHASES 2 AND 3 OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HYGIENE IN SAIGON (SEE REFTEL 265) AND THAT WHO OFFICE WAS BEING ESTABLISHED IN HANOI TO MONITOR PROGRAM.

8. AGENDA ITEM 26.5. REPORTS OF UN JOINT INSPECTION UNIT. PRINCIPAL ITEM OF INTEREST WAS EVALUATION OF UN FELLOWSHIPS (PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, ADMINISTRATION, SELECTION, PLACEMENTS AND EVALUATION). UN INSPECTION HAD CONSIDERED WHO PROGRAM EFFICIENT AND RECOMMENDED IT AS MODEL FOR OTHER UN AGENCIES.

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9. AGENDA ITEM 26.6. CONTINUATION OF JOINT INSPECTION UNIT. UNGA RESOLUTION 31.192 HAS MADE JIU PERMANENT, EFFECTIVE JAN 1, 1978 (APPENDIX TO EB59/31). DG MAHLER WAS ASKED IF WHO HAD RECEIVED VALUE FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION. MAHLER REPLIED THAT HE HAD EXPRESSED HIS SERIOUS DOUBTS ON THIS TO UNGA. IF EB APPROVES CONTINUED WHO PARTICIPATION, HE WILL TRY TO GET GREATER RETURN WHICH, IN LIGHT OF VERY RECENT CONTACTS, MIGHT WELL BE EXPECTED.

10. AGENDA ITEM 26.7. MEMBERSHIP AND ASSESSMENT OF NAMIBIA. UNGA HAD ALLOCATED FUNDS FOR 1974-77 (TOTAL OF \$47,550) TO BE PAID NEXT MONTH. HOWEVER, REPRESENTATIVE OF UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA REQUESTED WAIVER OF ALL ASSESSMENTS. EB DECIDED TO RECOMMEND TO WHA ONLY PROSPECTIVE WAIVER, BEGINNING 1978 UNTIL NAMIBIA ACHIEVES INDEPENDENCE.

11. DATES OF 30TH WHA AND 60TH EB FIXED. FOR WHA FROM MAY 2 TO WPN 1977, AND FOR EB MAY 23, 1977.

12. AGENDA ITEM 30. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF AD HOC COMMITTEE

OF EB PRIOR TO 30TH WHA. CHAIRMAN VALLADORE, BUTERA, CUMMING
AND REID APPOINTED.

13. RECRUITMENT OF INTERNATIONAL STAFF OF WHO. RESOLUTION BY
RAPORTEURS REFLECTING EB CONSENSUS IN SUPPORT OF DG APPROVED
BY WIDE MAJORITY AFTER SEVERAL AMENDMENTS BY USSR DEFEATED.

14. DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAM BUDGETING AND MANAGEMENT OF WHO'S
RESOURCES AT COUNTRY LEVEL. RESOLUTION APPROVED IN KEEPING WITH
EB CONSENSUS. AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY USSR REJECTED.

15. 59TH SESSION OF EB CLOSED AT ONE P.M., JANUARY 28. CATTO

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